

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 10, and 12-20 remain pending.

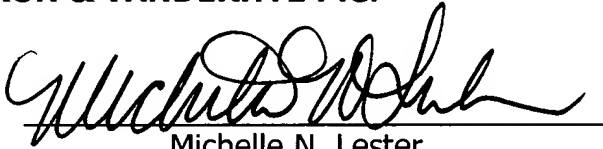
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-15 and 18-20 and the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 10, 16 and 17 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 5, 10 and 16 have been amended above so as to be presented in independent form and claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11 have been canceled. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 5, 10, 16 and 17 should all now be allowed.

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Soma or Maier in view of Spearin. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to advance prosecution, these claims have been canceled so that the rejection has been mooted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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